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**701—81.14(453A)** Confidential information. The release of information contained in any reports or returns filed under Iowa Code chapter 453A or obtained by the department in the administration of Iowa Code chapter 453A is governed by the general provisions of Iowa Code chapter 22 since there are no specific provisions relating to confidential information contained in chapter 453A. Any requests for information must be made pursuant to rule 701—6.2(17A). See rule 701—6.3(17A).

Any request for information pertaining to a taxpayer's business affairs, operations, source of income, profits, losses, or expenditures must be made in writing to the director. The taxpayer to whom the information relates will be notified of the request for information and will be allowed 30 days to substantiate any claim of confidentiality under Iowa Code chapter 22 or any other statute such as Iowa Code section 422.72. If substantiated, the request will be denied; otherwise, the information will be released to the requesting party. This rule will not prevent the exchange of information between state and federal agencies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.25 and 453A.49.